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SUBJ: PRESS REPORTS ON TROOP WITHDRAWAL PLANS

1. DECEMBER 31 AFTERNOON PAPERS HAVE ALL CARRIED WIRE SERVICE REPORT ON US NEWS AND WORLD REPORT STORY THAT BECAUSE PROSPECT OF WAR IN KOREA AND EUROPE IS VIEWED AS MINIMAL, DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE IS CONSIDERING LARGE SCALE WITHDRAWAL OF FORCES FROM KOREA.
2. PRESS REPORTS US NEWS "WASHINGTON WHISPERS" COLUMN OF DECEMBER 30 AS SAYING WITHDRAWAL STUDY IS PART OF OVERALL EFFORTS OF DEPT OF DEFENSE TO STRENGTHEN COMBAT ABILITY THROUGH REDUCING SUPPORT FORCES. ARTICLES EMPHASIZE THAT THIS SECRET DOD PLAN WHICH BEING GIVEN SERIOUS STUDY HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH CRITICISM OF REPRESSIVE ROKG POLICIES.
3. SAME EDITION OF US NEWS IS ALSO REPORTED BY ROK PRESS AS CARRYING SEPARATE FEATURE STORY, "PROSPECTS FOR 1975," WHICH STATES THAT THERE IS ALMOST NO POSSIBILITY OF WAR IN KOREA AND THAT US WILL DIRECT ITS EFFORTS AT PERSUADING USSR NOT TO CREATE NEW CRISIS

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